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Expect Good Results In Pioneer Valley Canvass For Funds

Last week Thursday evening A. Gordon Moody, manager of the Northfield hotel, who is sponsoring the campaign for funds in Northfield for the Pioneer Valley association, invited a group of local citizens to the hotel for dinner and conference on plans for local effort. The local solicitation is now being carried on. Friday evening members of the county division met at the Mansion House in Greenfield, and was attended by Mr. Moody. Enthusiasm ran high as it was expected that the county with its 26 towns will respond generously in its subscriptions to advertise and publicize the three counties in the Connecticut valley. John W. Hais, chairman of the general campaign committee presided at last Friday's meeting and addressed the assembly. He said, "he was completely sold on the idea and considered the effort, the greatest advantage ever undertaken to promote the advantages of the three counties. Funds given to the association are not to be considered in the light of charity, but as a sound business investment."

Will Give Supper And Entertainment

The Northfield Fish & Game club will serve a public dinner at the town hall on the evening of Monday, April 10, under the direction of Mrs. Charles E. Leach of the Sunset Farm. An entertainment will follow and dancing will be provided. The committee in charge consists of Harlan Atwood, James Dale, Herbert Black, James Dresser and Walter Scoble.

William J. Weatherhead

After five years of failing health, William Jonas Weatherhead, well known resident of Vernon, died Wednesday night of last week at his home in that town. He was 74 years of age and since last October had been confined to his bed. He was a brother of Mrs. Nellie M. Wood and well known here, being a member of Harmony Lodge of Masons.

He was born in Vernon, Oct. 23, 1864 and was one of the seven children of Jonas Galusha Weatherhead and Lucy (Lee) Weatherhead. He married in Missoula, Mont., Oct. 24, 1893 Miss Margaret Nolan of McGregor, Ia. who survives. The couple had two daughters, Mrs. Florence Simmons and Mrs. Pliny Burrows, both of Vernon. He also leaves five grandchildren; three sisters, Mrs. Nellie Wood of Northfield, Mrs. Hattie Thomas of Brattleboro and Mrs. Julia Newton of South Vernon and several nieces and nephews.

Mr. Weatherhead, accompanied by his late brother, Lewis Weatherhead, went West when a young man and worked on bridge construction in Montana. He later became an engineer on the Northern Pacific railroad. Mr. Weatherhead also worked in copper mines in Butte, Mont. Returning to Vermont in 1904, he occupied the family home and farmed the place successfully for many years.

The funeral was held last Saturday afternoon at the home, with Rev. Donald B. Hoyt officiating and burial was in the family plot in the Whitehead cemetery at Vernon.

Closed This Summer

The MacDowell colony of artists at Peterborough, N. H., will not open this summer according to an announcement just made. So much damage was done by the hurricane of last fall, in felled trees and buildings, that the entire income of the colony will be needed to pay for the work of clearing and making the necessary repairs. Many visitors from Northfield who have gone up to the colony each summer will regret the opportunity this season.

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Signs of Spring — Plowing

Preparations for the spring planting are now under way and the many farms will witness the plowing of the fields, the sowing of the seed and the expectancy of a good harvest after an abundant summer.

Hermion Athletic Events For Spring Announced

Director of physical education and sports at Mount Hermion school, Axel B. Forslund has announced the athletic events for the remainder of the school year.



Axel B. Forslund

In the schedule are the dates of games for baseball, track, tennis, lacrosse and golf.

Baseball, May 13, Mass. State Frosh at Hermion; 24, Williston at Hermion; 31, Vermont academy at Saxton's River; June 3, Deerfield academy at Deerfield.

Track, May 6, Triangular meet at Hermion, (tentative) Vermont academy, Greenfield high school and Mount Hermion; 20, Deerfield at Hermion; 27, Mass. State Frosh at Hermion; 30, Interscholastics at Hermion (15 schools); June 3, Massachusetts relays at Amherst.

Tennis, May 10, Williston at Hermion; 13, Springfield College Frosh at Hermion; 31, Vermont academy at Vermont; June 3, Deerfield at Deerfield.

Lacrosse, April 29, Deerfield 2nds at Hermion; May 6, Williams Frosh at Williamstown; 13, Kimball Union at Hermion; 27, Deerfield academy at Deerfield.

Golf, May 13, Father-Son tournament at Hermion; 17, Hermion at Kimball Union.

Springfield-Hermion Club Has Gathering

Last Friday evening, members, friends and students of the Springfield-Hermion club gathered at the Hotel Stonehaven in that city for its regular get-together meeting. Alumni secretary Frank E. Dunn was in attendance and gave an illustrated talk, with moving pictures of recent activities at Mount Hermion school. Dr. Frank Bagley, track coach and Joseph D. Garrison football captain were also present and spoke of the athletic work. The guest speaker was Sheriff David J. Manning of Hampden county. A dinner preceded the meeting.

Officers of the club were elected as follows: President, Marcus S. Soutra; vice-president, Fred A. DeLano; sec.-treasurer, John L. Schmitt and counselors, J. Elliot Bliss, Charles S. Merriam and Edward Soles.

Students at Mount Hermion from the Springfield area were present as invited guests. Many of the Mount Hermion songs were rendered with much enthusiasm.

Will Render Cain's Cantata On Sunday

Next Sunday afternoon at four o'clock in the Second Congregational church at Greenfield, the Greenfield Choral club, under the direction of Prof. M. L. Gallagher



Prof. M. L. Gallagher

of the Northfield schools, will render Nobel Cain's cantata, "Christ in the World." Ernest Kirrman, George Laurence and Howard Niblock of Mount Hermion school will sing in the group. A cordial invitation is extended to the residents of Northfield to attend the rendition. This cantata is being given in many prominent churches throughout the nation this year and represents the work of one of our most promising American composers. An offering will be taken.

Am. Legion Holds Speaking Contest

Last Friday evening in Alexander hall, Haven H. Spencer Post of the American Legion, heard eight students of the high school in a speaking contest, before a board of judges consisting of Prof. Louis Smith, and J. D. Bassett of Mount Hermion school, and Merwin D. Birdall, of the Northfield schools, after hearing the various addresses, awarded first prize to Eva Fisher, second to Helen Cembalitty and honorable mention to Beverly Briesmaster. Besides the above those participating were Mattie Bates, Ruth Avery, Samuel James, Margaret Donahue and Ian French. The prizes will be awarded later at school graduation exercises. During the evening Helen and Gloria Savcheff provided several musical selections. A goodly number of Legion and Auxiliary members as well as friends attended the contest. Commander Sidney Given of the Legion Post presided.

Civil Service Exams

The U. S. Civil Service commission announces examinations for positions of Second Officer, second assistant engineer (marine), quartermaster, oiler, for filling positions in the lighthouse service, second district headquarters at Chelsea. Exams will be held at various places in Massachusetts and Rhode Island. Get full particulars of local secretary at East Northfield post office or write, Post Office Bldg., Boston.

More Flood Suits; Dymerski - Shearer File For \$35,000

In addition to the twenty suits already filed for flood damage claims against the Bellows Falls Hydro-Electric Corporation which amounted to \$481,000, four more claims have been made, two in the Windham county court by Putney residents and two in the Federal court for the District of Vermont, by Dymerski T. Dymerski of Northfield for \$10,000 and by Rollin E. Shearer also of Northfield, who asks \$25,000. The total of all suits filed for alleged improper operation of the dam at Bellows Falls, during and prior to the 1936 flood, now amounts to about half million dollars.

Claims have been filed through the law offices of Frank E. and F. Elliott Barber, attorneys of Brattleboro, and were served on Harold E. Whitney of Brattleboro clerk of the corporation.

The damage claims of the Tenney Farms of Northfield led in the amount of money sued for.

Sunday's Speakers Seminary - Hermon

Dr. Henry Sloan Coffin, president of Union Theological Seminary in New York will be the visiting speaker at Mount Hermion



Henry Sloan Coffin

school on Sunday. Dr. Coffin will lead both the morning service at 10:30 and the vesper service at 5:00. At Northfield Seminary, the Rev. Harold B. Ingalls, school chaplain will conduct the 11 o'clock morning service at which time the reception of new members in the Seminary church will take place. The speaker for the 5 o'clock vesper hour has not as yet been announced.

Know Massachusetts

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Do you know that . . . 50 per cent of the state's population re-

sident within the Boston Metropolitan district . . . Massachusetts is the third most densely populated state—540 persons to the square mile . . . More than 900,000 children and adults participated in the sports and games programs in 1938, directed by the Boston Park department . . . Plymouth's Old Colony club, celebrating its 169th year, is said to be the oldest social organization in America . . . The town of Peru, with a population of 151 persons, maintains a total of 45 miles of roadways . . . The Convention Bureau announces that Boston will have the biggest convention business enjoyed in years during 1939, both in number of conventions and in numbers attending . . . Traffic on American Airlines out of Boston for January, 1939, increased 94 per cent over the same period in 1938 . . . The first total abstinence societies were formed in Boston in 1826 . . . Massachusetts is the principal woolen and worsted manufacturing state in the Union . . . Middleboro boasts of being the only community in the state where entire automobiles are built—the Maxim Motor company makers of fire-fighting vehicles . . . One of the greatest advances of the lighting industry since Edison is the introduction of the fluorescent lamp by the Hygrade Sylvania Corporation of Salem . . . The motorcycle was born in Massachusetts at the Hendee Manufacturing company plant in Springfield, now known as the Indian Motorcycle company.

"Well, Jones was fire again."

"What happened this time?"

"He got a job in a department store, where he tried to lay a stair carpet on the escalator!"

Brattleboro Man Held In "Mistake" Murder In Ashuelot Deaths

Alfred Wojchick of Brattleboro, a truck driver employed by that town, has been arrested and is held in the Keene jail, on a warrant charging him with murder in the "mistake" poison liquor death of Edgar Smart, 28, and Mrs. Julia Wheaton, 28, of Ashuelot, last Friday evening.

The bottle of liquor, into which a deadly poison had been placed, had been given to Smart, his brother-in-law, for his estranged wife, Mrs. Lois Wojchick and her father.

Going up to Ashuelot, to the Smart home, Wojchick found his wife and Mrs. Wheaton walking and offered them a ride, which they accepted. Mrs. Wheaton went in the house, while Mrs. Wojchick remained and talked to her husband. Inside the house the bottle was opened and Edgar Smart and Mrs. Wheaton had a drink. Both Smart and the woman collapsed suddenly and were immediately rushed to the office of a Hinsdale physician, who ordered them taken at once to Keene hospital, after a treatment.

When they arrived at Keene, in the automobile of Wojchick, Mrs. Wheaton was dead and Smart died shortly after. Mrs. Wojchick and her brother accompanied them. Hospital authorities notified the police and county solicitor and Wojchick was held for questioning.

Upon hearing his version of the whole affair, and the statements of his wife, he finally "broke" and confessed, giving a complete story to the authorities. On Monday the case was presented in the municipal court before Judge Kellom, and he was bound over to the September sitting of the superior court. Wojchick is represented by Arthur Olson of Keene and John R. Goodnow of Keene is the county solicitor. Held without bail, the accused is pacing his cell in ratings over the affair.

Funeral services for Mrs. Wheaton were held Monday in Hinsdale at St. Joseph's church with burial in the St. Joseph cemetery. The services for Edgar Smart, were held in Winchester also Monday from the O'Conner funeral home with burial at the Winchester cemetery.

Mrs. Julia Wheaton and Mrs. Lois Wojchick went to visit Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Smart at their home in Ashuelot, the fateful evening and it was here, that Smart first opened the bottle, which Wojchick had given him, for his wife, and furnished the drink to Mrs. Wheaton, taking some himself. Immediately after drinking, discovery was made that something was wrong and Mrs. Wheaton exclaimed "this is terrible."

Then came collapse, a wild ride to the hospital, death, and following the shocking confession of the real culprit and a revelation of his diabolical plot. The newspaper and the radio have given the story to the world.

The Passion Play At Ober-Ammergau

A lecture will be given on Good Friday evening at 7:30 by Dr. H. F. Randolph, at the Congregational church.

Dr. Randolph attended the Passion Play in 1910, 1922 and 1930; the pictures were taken by a photographer of Munich, Germany and colored in London under the authority of the Ober-Ammergau community.

Sixty pictures illustrate the lecture presenting the play as given by the peasants of Ober-Ammergau in 1930; this play attracts thousands of visitors from all parts of the world, it has been given every decade since 1633; the lecture is given with appropriate Passion-tide music, in one hour.

The play is the story of the Cross given by the peasants of Bavaria to impress through the eyes and the ears, by the use of pathos, tragedy and awe the heart and the imagination. From the beginning to the end of the play we are witnesses of those marvelous scenes and sacred events we have read about and dreamed of all our lives. The Apostles, the Priests and Pharisees, Pilate and the soldiers, Mary and the Holy Women, and the great throngs of Jerusalem step out of the hallowed pages of the New Testament and live again before our wondering eyes.

There will be no admission, and all are invited to attend the lecture the evening of April 7; a silver offering will be received to cover expenses of giving the lecture.

State Women's Clubs Want More Visitors About New England

At a recent meeting of the Fortnightly, it was reported that at a business session, the club voted a sum of money to the State Federation of Women's club as a participation in a fund to secure one cent for every man, woman and child in the state, to be spent in advertising, the attractive places in New England, and allure visitors to this section, especially those who have come from distant points to visit the New York World's Fair. The campaign is a co-operative effort of the Federation and the New England council and has the endorsement of New England officials.

There are six state federations of women's clubs in New England in the several states and over one thousand women's clubs are affiliated, which represent approximately 150,000 members. There are 8,600,000 people in New England, and at a penny a head, the fund should reach about \$86,000. At present all clubs are participating and hope to realize the amount. This money will be used to advertise the vacation attractions of New England, to invite men and women from the rest of the country to come to this region for their summer vacation. An official of the federation makes this explanation:

"Since everyone benefits from the expenditures of the recreation visitor, it is absolutely essential that everyone cooperate in this campaign so that more visitors than ever before will visit us this summer. During the past few year keener competition has arisen for the vacationist's dollar, necessitating an increase in New England's sales efforts in the summer recreational field. In addition, the New York World's Fair will bring more than 20,000,000 people to New England's very front door, and it is our duty to induce a great number of these visitors to include New England in their World's Fair plans."

The situation is very encouraging and the association plans to begin its effort to advertise this section immediately by the issuance of booklets and descriptive matter. It will endeavor to attract many thousands of summer visitors to this section.

"Dramatic School"

Serving as an inspiration to all young people fired with ambitions to become great actors and actresses, "Dramatic School" opens Sunday at the Latchis Memorial theatre, Brattleboro, where it will play three days.

With an impressive cast headed by Luise Rainer and Paulette Goddard, "Dramatic School" takes the world into the little known classrooms of a typical dramatic school in Paris where the daily life and struggles of two score dramatic students are revealed for the first time.

Gave Fine Show

The Northfield Players who presented "Peck's Bad Boy" recently in the town hall for the benefit of the high school senior class fund for the Washington trip, gave another performance of the play in Brattleboro on Wednesday evening for the benefit and under the auspices of the Brattleboro Boy Scouts. There was a large attendance in the Grange hall and all who witnessed the play, were loud in their expressions of its most excellent performance.

AUTUMN (Resignation)

Come! let us draw the curtains, heap up the fire and sit hunched by the flame together, and make a friend of it.

Listen! the wind is rising, and the air is wild with leaves, we have had our summer evenings:

now for October eves!

The great beech-trees lean forward, and strip like a diver. We had better turn to the fire, and shut our minds to sea.

When the ships of youth are running close-hauled on the edge of the wind, with all adventures before them, and only the old behind.

Love and youth and the seabirds meet in the stormy weather, and with one bright flash of laughter clasp into dark together.

Come! let us draw the curtains, and talk of other things; and presently all will be quiet—love, youth, and the sound of wings.

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TOWN TOPICS

Members of the Northfield Masonic pitch team will entertain the members of the Hinsdale Masonic team with a turkey supper at the Northfield hotel this Friday evening. There were six series of games played between the teams and Hinsdale won with 58 points. The winners are tendered the dinner by the losing team.

Miss Belle Lee of Northampton has been the guest of Miss Lydia Speakman at her home on the Winchester road in recent days.

Harmony Lodge of Masons held a regular meeting at the hall on Wednesday evening and degrees were conferred in addition to the transaction of regular business.

The next Masonic lodge of instruction will be held with Bay State lodge at Montague on Tuesday, April 25. Last Tuesday evening a session was held with Mountain lodge at Shelburne Falls. Several members of the order from here attended the gathering.

In probate court last week, accounts were allowed on the estates of the late Hollis C. Lyman of Northfield and of the late Rev. Charles Gilbert Mallory of Peckskill, N. Y., and Northfield.

Miss Mary Jane Purrington, daughter of Mrs. L. F. Purrington, is spending her spring vacation with her family at 19 Highland street. Miss Purrington was recently elected head of the Fellowship of Faiths, the largest club of Mt. Holyoke college.

Miss Virginia Powell is at her home here for the spring vacation from her studies at Mt. Holyoke college. She expects to entertain some of her classmates while here.

Richard Buffum is proving to be an expert photographer and many of his pictures have recently appeared in the daily papers hereabouts.

A number of men who are employed on the construction work of Wanamaker road have found tenements in town and will reside here for a number of months with their families.

Considerable work has already begun by our citizens and summer residents in clearing up their grounds, especially of removing the fallen timber. Considerable of the timber is being given away for the clearance, and cut up into firewood. The wood pile can now be easily replenished for next winter's supply.

It is said that the crest of the hill on Pierson road will be removed and the roadway lowered which will be an improvement. The dirt will be used for filling on the Wanamaker road.

Traffic has become quite heavy on Winchester road and the surface in some places has become quite rough.

A letter from the Coburn family in Florida, states that the weather is very warm there and there has been little rain. However with the hose, the lawns are kept beautiful and green and the flowers abound in profusion. They have enjoyed the winter in their home there.

The local Fish & Game association released some thirty pheasants last Sunday in the covers on the hills here.

Frank H. Montague has been suffering from an attack of the grip and has been confined to his home on Main street.

Private William D. Ross, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Ross, who is in the 1st Chemical Co. at the Marine barracks in Quantico, Va., has returned to his home here for a ten days leave after two months of war maneuvers in Porto Rico.

Dr. H. F. Randolph of Main street has been taking charge of the services at the Vernon Union church during the vacation of Rev. and Mrs. E. E. Jones.

A number of local church people are using the stamp issued by the American Bible society to urge the reading of the Bible.

Dr. and Mrs. C. W. Richardson who have been missionaries in both China and India were guests at the home of Mrs. A. F. Bennet over last week-end. They were in charge of the services at No. 4 schoolhouse last Sunday.

Rev. and Mrs. Ellis E. Jones of East Northfield and Vernon, have been on a visit to their daughter, Mrs. Mahoney and family in Akron, Ohio, during the past week.

The Ladies' Benevolent society of Northfield Farms held a meeting on Wednesday afternoon at the library building and worked on quilts.

Local theatre goers will be pleased to learn that a summer theatre will again be held in Brattleboro this coming summer.

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GOODSPEED WATCH SHOP

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On July 17 the Brattleboro Theatre company will open in the Estey coach house under the name of the Playhouse and under the direction of Elizabeth Grimball of the New York school of the theatre.

Mrs. Ernest Parker and her infant daughter have returned home from the Elliot community hospital at Keene.

The first of a series of talks on New England homes was held Wednesday afternoon at the town hall, under the auspices of the Franklin county extension service when Arnold Davis of the State college was the speaker. There was a good attendance to hear this interesting talk.

April 2nd will be Palm Sunday and April 9th is Easter Sunday. The intervening week will be filled with religious services, private meditation and thoughtful thinking.

Mrs. Arthur S. Merrill, who has spent the winter with relatives in Brookline has returned to open her home on the Birnam road.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Carne of Norway, Maine, have visited his parents, Rev. and Mrs. W. Stanley Carne the past week. Miss Harlene Carne is also at home for the spring vacation from Wilson college.

Large flocks of birds have been seen flying over the town this week presumably going to their summer habitats. Robins seem to be quite numerous.

Tuesday morning was ushered in with a fall of snow which covered the ground and made traveling a bit splashy. The day was fairly cold.

Raymond Sauter is now operating the barber shop in the Bookstore building, having taken over the same from Clyde Matern.

Mrs. L. P. Goodspeed entertained the executive committee of the Fortnightly at her home on Monday afternoon.

Dr. and Mrs. Richardson, both medical missionaries from Guntur, South India, addressed the Sunday school of the Congregational church last Sunday and at the morning church service spoke on the "mass movement" in India.

Students of Mount Hermon school returned Tuesday from their spring vacation and those at the Seminary on Thursday.

Dr. and Mrs. Edward Fairbanks will remain as tenants of one of the missionary cottages on Main street for another year. Mr. and Mrs. John T. Holden are occupying also one of the cottages.

Mrs. Charles H. Webster is visiting her daughter, Miss Bernice Webster in New York City for a two weeks' vacation.

Miss Susanna Wilder is at her home here for the usual vacation from her studies at Smith college.

Students at home from Colby college include Miss Anna Fisher, Lawrence Harris and Gilbert Potts.

James DeLancey, father of Mrs. Louis Potts of Main street, and who makes his home with her and her family, observed his 85th birthday on Monday. He formerly was a resident of Orange.

Mrs. W. H. Glebel gave a preview of the Sunday school lessons for April at a meeting of the Congregational church teachers meeting at Crane cottage Monday evening.

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More funds are not always acceptable, and if you have an ingenious mind for limericks, slogans or names, you may enter the competitive field. Here the stakes are higher. If you're lucky, cash prizes up to \$5,000 are offered; or you might try for a bicycle, a pen and pencil set, a pedicured pup, a 15 tube radio, a wrist watch, or a vacation trip to New York.

If you are enterprising, it can easily be seen that by following air instructions, you might get to furnish your home or even tour the country through offers made over the radio. The least you can get is a polite letter from the sponsor that the gift offer supply has been exhausted.

Anyway, it seems to make radio listening worthwhile.

CHATTER. Comedian Sam Hearn will join Jack Benny on Sunday... DuMont television studios are nearly completed in Passaic... Morton Downey's comeback has been so successful his sponsor has renewed his contract with Eddy Duchin's WEAF show... Zeke Manners has the most amazing vitality... although on WHN an hour each morning and an hour each night, he never seems to tire... right after their St. Louis appearance, Al Pearce and gang go to the coast... reason LeRoy plays Rockabye-Baby on his recent programs is the new addition to the family—a baby girl... Virginia Kaye leaving the ten-ten Waffles show got the

leading role in NBC's Central City radio's number 1 radio fan is Michael Caracappa who has missed few Guy Lombardo broadcasts in eight years... he's even listed more than 10,000 songs Lombardo has played... wotta guy!

If you like reading headlines listen to WHN's Hold the Press show Sundays... when Jimmy Dorsey opens at Meadowbrook Country Club May 13 he'll have a Mutual wire... Bruno Walter doing the guest conducting at NBC was a musical genius at 4, made his debut at 8... Ben Bernie has joined Florida vacationists air commuting between Southland and CBS' N. Y. studios... watching Charlie Vachon describe blow-by-blow over the WHN Mike makes you marvel at his skill... announcing fast action so accurately...



KDKA, one of the pioneer stations, starts building a new transmitter next month... Cary Grant will be back with The Circle ere long... the Jeffrie Gill singing with Don Albert's ork is the same Gill who had vocal roles in pictures a couple of years ago... radio row was well represented at that I. J. Fox testimonial... previews of NBC's television programs are now given 4 times weekly now with an orchestra Welton Lewis' Singing Bee which switched to Tuesday nights at 9:30 is better than ever.

STORY OF THE WEEK. Skippy Carlisle, six and the world's youngest announcer who recently broadcast on We the People, dropped around to Fred Allen's show next night. He asked Fred for an autograph and hit up quite a conversation with the comedian. "Did you come to New York from Tennessee alone?" Fred asked. "No," casually remarked the prodigy. "I brought my mother along."

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CHURCH SERVICES

TRINITARIAN CHURCH
Sunday school at 10; At 11, preaching service when the choir will sing special anthems, the subject of the sermon will be "Christ Loyalty." At 2:30 Sunday school at the Farms, followed by a worship service; at the Barber District a service for all ages at the home of Mrs. Allen Field. At 7, Senior Endeavor, led by Miss Virginia Powell. At 8, preaching service at the vestry.

Monday at 7:30, service at the vestry Rev. W. R. Giebel.
Tuesday at 3, Bible class meets with Mrs. Colton; leader, Mrs. Giebel. At 7:30, service at the vestry; speaker, Rev. D. B. Tomkins, D. D.

Wednesday at 7:30, service at the vestry; speaker, Rev. Edward Fairbank, D. D.

Thursday, all-day meeting of the Women's Sewing society, with lunch at noon. At 7:30, Christian people are invited to the Lord's Supper.

Friday at 7:30, an illustrated lecture on the Passion Play will be given in the church by Rev. H. F. Randolph, D. D. Special music by the choir.

Wednesday at 3 the Women's Missionary society will meet with Mrs. W. W. Coe; topic, The Christian church in India; leaders, Mrs. Carne and Mrs. Powell.

SOUTH CHURCH

Sunday, 9:45, church school; 10:45, church worship. In the story of the Emergence of the Spiritual from the Natural, we come now to the climax of the Spiritual as revealed in Jesus. All persons desiring to furnish lilies for the altar Eastern morning will telephone Mrs. H. M. Haskell.

Northfield Grange

The local Grange had a well attended meeting Tuesday evening... John E. Gale of Guilford spoke on the "Indians of this Locality." He exhibited many relics which he had secured in digging about the valley. The home community committee arranged a roll call program and response on "Why I go to the Grange." Refreshments were served.

On Monday evening 31 members of the Grange visited with Arlington Grange in Winchester, and took part in the program arranged by Mrs. Gertrude Gibson the Lecturer. Those taking part were Mrs. Ida Morse, Warren Brown, Ruth Holton, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Shine, Pauline Miller, Clayton Miller and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Durant. All attending spent a most pleasant evening.

The Grange has invited Guilford, Millers River and Warwick Grange members to neighbor with them the evening of May 9. There will be a special meeting next Wednesday evening at 8:00 to receive applications and rehearse for degree work.

TOWN TOPICS

Principal Richard A. Cobb of the high school attended a round table gathering of the County Principals' association at the Welton hotel Monday evening. Ray M. Hudson, industrial secretary of the New England council addressed them on the problems of the high school graduate.

Mrs. Edna B. Jenkins, who has a summer home here and has spent the winter in Crescent City, Fla., is returning north and after a stay at her home at Jackson Heights, will come to Northfield for the summer. She was privileged to meet many Northfield residents while in Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Bruhns of New London, Ct., are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter, Barbara May, on March 25. Mrs. Bruhns is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Sherman who celebrated their golden wedding recently. This is their tenth grandchild.

The card party for the benefit of the Girl Scouts will be held this Friday evening at Alexander hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Thompson and Mrs. M. E. Vorce returned Wednesday from their motor trip through the southlands to Florida.

The special town tree committee are endeavoring to contact state officials with reference to the replacement of trees on the highway in Northfield.



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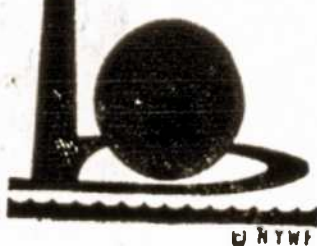
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SOUTH VERNON (West Northfield)

Mrs. McClure a guest at the Vernon Home is confined to her bed with a severe cold.

Miss Alberta Bowker has taken a position in Brattleboro.

Mrs. J. Alfred Johnson who has been ill for the past week is recovering.

There was a good attendance at the card party held Tuesday evening at the Vernon town hall for the benefit of the Vernon church ministerial fund. Mrs. Eldredge and Mrs. Corey were the hostesses.

A Ford coupe registered to Wilbur R. Pierson of Vernon was found badly damaged Sunday night alongside of the road near the lumber company plant. The accident was reported Monday morning and it was stated that the car southbound had left the road and hit a pole. No one was injured.

This Friday evening the committee in charge of organizing a baseball club will hold a dance in the hall of the Vernon Grange.

The pupils of the first four grades at the Dickinson Hall school in West Northfield, taught by Miss Eleanor Kremen, will exhibit the work done by them this Friday afternoon from 2 to 3 p. m. Parents are invited to come and look it over.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Edson and child, who were burned out recently have taken rooms in the house occupied by his brother, Walter Edson and family.

Services at the South Vernon church: Sunday morning worship, 10:45; Sunday school at 12:15; young people's meeting at 6 at the parsonage. Evening service at 7, to be followed by rehearsal of music for Easter Sunday

Mission meeting next week
Wednesday at the Home at 2:30.
Cottage prayer meeting next week
Wednesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gould at 7:30 u. m. Mid-week prayer meeting at the Vernon Home Thursday at 7 o'clock.

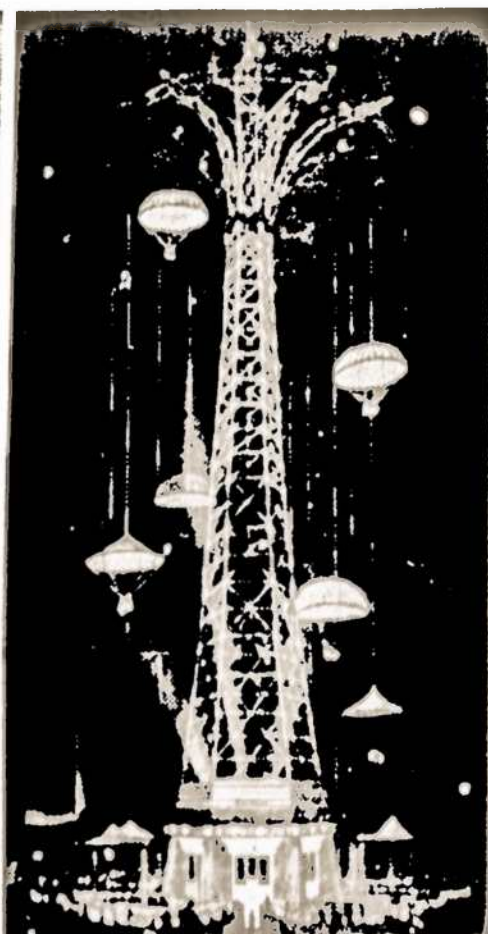
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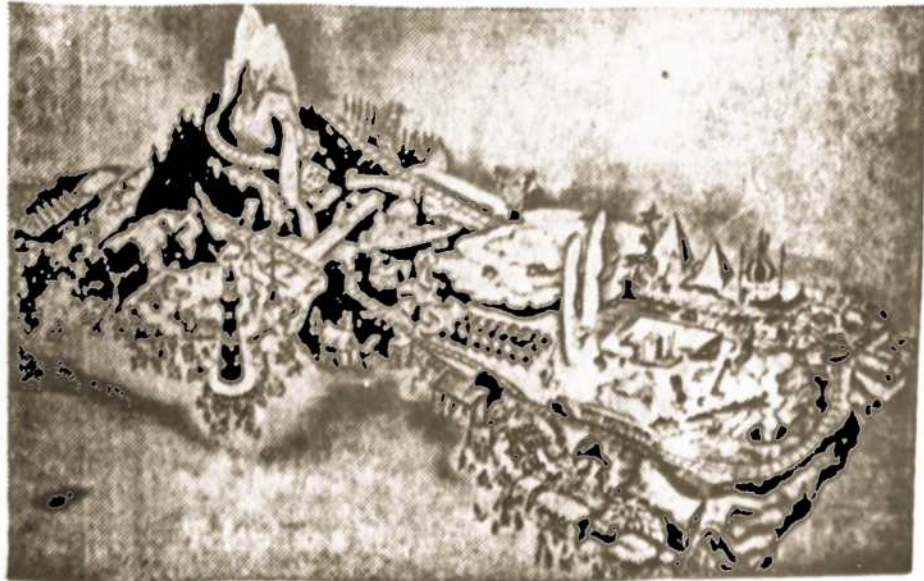
Announcement

Dr. F. Wilton Dean announces that his office will be closed from March 15 to April 1st.

FUN AT THE FAIR



NEW YORK—Three of the hundreds of amusements that will furnish enjoyment and thrills at New York World's Fair 1939. Above is a sketch of George Jessel's "Old New York," which will feature "Steve Brodie" jumping from the Brooklyn Bridge (6 times daily!). At the right, top, is the 250-foot parachute jump which will ball-out passengers and bring "happy landings." At the right is one feature of the Children's World—"A Trip Around the World."



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EDITORIAL

Secretary Hudson of the Industrial department of the New England Council spoke very emphatically to the principals of the high schools of the county Monday, when he said that it was more important that graduates of high schools be better fitted for their future careers in a business world, than to be given only a preparatory education for college training. This is a truth well spoken and will receive the hearty endorsement of all parents as well as of the young people themselves. Its a sorry situation which finds our young folks, after graduating from high school, unable to go further into educational effort floundering about with no definite purpose in life.

The story is told of a teacher, who assembling her class to begin the day's session, called for the salute to the flag. We have heard much of the salute to the flag recently. As the class took their seats, she called to her desk one of the pupils, whom she had observed neglected to salute. She enquired of the boy, whose patriotism had never been questioned, and he frankly said that he wouldn't. Why said the teacher and from Johnnie came this reply, "It was made in Japan." Surely it was discovered so labeled. What would you have done if you were Johnnie?

The wave of criticism against the employment of married women who have husbands gainfully employed, is increasing and the married woman is on the defensive. The latest publicity comes from Northampton, where the Mayor has ordered out eight married wives who are serving as city employees. The Mayor is reported as saying that "social justice" required "that individual rights yield to the common good. Home duties and babies interfere with jobs and freedom. If the birthrate falls, earnest citizens who can subtract two from two, see our finish as a nation." The place for married women is in the home.

The Back Yard Gardener

It never entered my head that folks needed convincing on this home vegetable garden idea until Don Hood from over Fort Hill way cornered me and asked just why all this talk about vegetable gardens.

Don, says I, you're an airplane man and know something about engines. You've got to have plenty of power and the engines have to work smoothly. Well, vegetables furnish the human system with a lot of vim, vigor, vitality, and vitamins. There ain't no denying it, you feel much better when you got plenty of vegetables under your old belt. So just from the health standpoint you should have a garden.

I got a letter just yesterday from a lady who had passed her 82nd birthday. She said she was anxiously waiting for warm weather so that she could get out to do work in her vegetable garden.

Now another thing, I say to Don, I'm not arguing a vegetable garden for those who can afford to buy all the vegetables they need. But there are plenty of folks who can't afford to do so.

For a garden you spend about \$10. That includes plowing and fertilizing, and buying the seeds, and the spray or dust to control the pests. The vegetables which you get in return would cost anywhere from \$30 to \$80. That of course is quite a spread, but I purposely put it that way because a lot of folks are more successful and have bigger gardens than others. When you stop to figure it out the way a banker does, that means from 300 to 800 per cent return on your money. Then add to that what you will have in the way of stored and canned vegetables to use next winter.

And then another very important reason, from my point of view at least, are my three kiddos. As a lady I heard recently expressed it, "Agriculture is man's oldest occupation and so it isn't strange that children find a natural interest in gardens." She even went so far as to suggest that communities offer garden plots for children, either flowers or vegetables.

Most parents go to the effort of buying tools of one sort or another for the youngster to do handicraft work. It would do him just as much good and bring in more returns I think in most cases if the parents would maintain a garden and set aside a special place for Peter or Jane. Of course dad and mother would have to encourage the idea just the same as they make the youngster practice the piano lesson or anything else. A child who can work in a garden along with dad certainly has a wonderful experience coming to him. He will develop an interest and skill which can be put into good use in later years either as a vocation or as an avocation.

Townsend Plan Again

Dr. A. E. Wiggam says: "Poverty is the most discouraging, disheartening, disintegrating, deteriorating, demoralizing, damning, heart-breaking thing in all the world."

Poverty should be abolished. This curse will be reduced to a minimum when all who are able and willing can find work, provided they are paid what they earn, a condition that does not prevail now. Since earnings are paid with money this brings us to the heart of our problem. There should be an adequate, law-controlled circulation of money among the people who need it. The Townsend Plan offers a complete method.

Let society pay its debt to the old age group under conditions helpful to their children. Principally the conditions are: A fair and universal tax on the privilege of doing business; a fund, distributed in annuity form, large enough to create a demand for labor equal to the supply; lifting the old age group out of the labor market; prompt spending, calculated to benefit business and industry; preference for our own country.

Opposed to this just program are the mighty financial and political interests which have always held power and intend to keep it, tax dodgers, and the bird of prey type of citizen. And with them must be joined that inert, indifferent, inactive multitude, who by their persistence in doing nothing actually are more responsible than all the forces of evil for the continued existence of present wrong conditions. Right here every one who sees this should pause and ask: "Is it I?" If there is in your soul any spark of desire for recovery, prosperity, and a better country for yourselves and your children, you have a Townsend club through which to make your energy effective. Is the crusading spirit of Northfield all buried on Round Top?

—D. F. Carpenter

Interesting Items

The Kurn Hattin homes in Westminster and Saxtons River, Vt., have been bequeathed \$2000 in the will of the late Elgin A. Jones of Keene.

The Federal Writers project will have ready soon a new book on "Here's New England." It comes from the press of Houghton Mifflin company and the distribution will be sponsored by the New England council. It will have over 100 pages of text with maps and photographs and will be quite an aid to the sojourner and traveler in New England. It will be sold at a reasonable price.

Battleboro will make a fine gesture to shoppers visiting that town from Northfield, by granting a courtesy card, so that overtime in parking will not be violated. Traffic regulations will be enforced but if you are shopping, a reasonable overtime stay will not worry you. That's a reasonable and sensible proposition and should be appreciated by our citizens.

An editor of a West Virginia newspaper suggests that President Roosevelt should change his salutation for his fireside talks. Instead of saying "My friends," he should say something that will include more of us.

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LEGAL

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Town of Northfield
Office of the Collector of Taxes
March 31, 1939

To the owners of the hereinafter described parcels of land situated in NORTHFIELD in the county of FRANKLIN and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and to all others concerned.

You are hereby notified that on Friday, the 14th day of April, 1939, at 1:45 o'clock P. M., pursuant to the provisions of General Laws (Ter. Ed.) Chapter 60, Section 53, and by virtue of the authority vested in me as Collector of Taxes, it is my intention to take for the town of Northfield the following parcels of land for non-payment, after demand, of the taxes thereon, with interest and all necessary intervening charges, or any unpaid balance of said taxes, unless the same shall have been paid before that date.

Fred W. Burnham
A certain parcel of land containing 17 acres, more or less, situated in the town of Northfield, and bounded northerly on land of Asa A. Holton deceased, east on land formerly of Marshall S. Stearns and a highway, and west on the Wendell road. The same being described at the Franklin County Registry of Deeds on page 119 of book 755.

Tax of 1936—\$3.30
Tax of 1937—\$3.60

Miss Emily Clift
A certain parcel of land containing 1 1/4 acres, more or less, beginning on the east side of Hill Crest Place, south of land now or formerly owned by Arthur T. Pierson which is also the south-west corner of land now or late of Margaret R. Irvine the deed of which is recorded in Book 563 on Page 94.

Tax of 1935—\$5.25
Tax of 1936—\$4.95
Tax of 1937—\$5.40

CHARLES F. SLATE,
Collector of Taxes
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